

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 1 and add Claims 12-14 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming unit having an image bearing member and which is capable of being detachably attached to a main body of said image forming apparatus;
an intermediate transfer member disposed at an upper position relative to said image forming unit, and to which the image on said image bearing member is transferred;
recording material conveying means for conveying a recording material along a conveyance route;
transfer means for transferring the image on said intermediate transfer member onto the recording material conveyed by said recording material conveying means;
a fixing unit having a fixing member for fixing a toner image on the recording material and a pressing member for contacting with and pressing the recording material;
a first openable portion which is disposed on a side surface of the main body and is openable to expose the conveyance route; and

a second openable portion which is disposed on an upper face of the main body, and is capable of being opened in case a of inserting said image forming unit into the main body in a state that said first openable portion is closed and of being opened separately from said fixing unit, and holds said intermediate transfer member, is openable independently from said first openable portion, and holds said intermediate transfer member; and

a guide member which guides said image forming unit inserted from an upper portion of said image forming apparatus through an opening of the upper portion of said image forming apparatus formed by opening said second openable portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first openable portion is openable around a first rotary shaft as a center, wherein said second openable portion is openable around a second rotary shaft as a center, and wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed as to extend substantially parallel to a recording material conveyance surface and substantially perpendicular to a conveyance direction of the recording material.

3. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed at positions such that said first openable portion and said second openable portion are moved away from each other when opened.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate transfer member and said second openable portion are structured in a united body.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image forming unit is detachable in a vertical direction toward an installation side of said image forming apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transfer means comprises a transfer member in contact with said intermediate transfer member, and wherein said transfer member is held by said first openable portion.

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording material conveying means comprises at least a pair of roller members, wherein one roller member is held by the main body, and wherein the other roller member is held by said first openable portion.

Claims 9-11 (Cancelled).

12. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit remains within the main body in a case that said second openable portion is opened with said first openable portion being closed.

13. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit is disposed above said transfer means and at a position not to interfere with said second openable portion in case of opening and closing of said second openable portion.

14. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fixing unit moves together with said first openable portion in case of opening said first openable portion.